**Mr. T. Narayana Menon:**— You will find from the last administration report that the total capital expenditure has been 20·93 lakhs.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:**— What is the usual amount calculated per year on account of wear and tear?

**Mr. T. Narayana Menon:**— It is not exactly wear and tear. It was calculated, as I said, at the time of Mr. Bannerjea who looked into these accounts. Separate accounts have not been kept to show the capital and maintenance separately and it was as a sort of approximate measure that the capital was put at 13·90 lakhs and if a correct standard of depreciation has been fixed it would have been necessary to know the particular item. If a correct standard has to be fixed each article according to the expectation of this could not possibly be obtained in the absence of proper account up to the year 1082. So it was in order to get over this difficulty that I believe according to the standard he fixed 2 per cent on the capital should be taken as depreciation.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:**— What is the standard of depreciation allowed to similar concerns ?

**Mr. T. Narayana Menon:**— As far as I know there is no general standard of depreciation.

**Mr. A. Eachara Menon:**— Is the amount received by tramway included in (1) under Forests by Tramway? It was said that accounts of Sale proceeds of timber was included in (1) Tramway.

**Mr. T. Narayana Menon:**— I am afraid the Hon'ble Member has not caught my answer properly Freight charges on the timber has been included from the Forest Budget. The wholesale proceeds were credited.

**Mr. A. V. Moothedan:**— Is not the tramway providing employment to a good number of people ?

**Mr. T. Narayana Menon:**— It is certainly one of the most useful things.

## Coir School—admission of pupils.

**190. Mr. George Parakkal**— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) why only 15 pupils have been admitted in the Coir School; and

(b) why new admissions were not made in the beginning of the present school year ?

**Mr. I. N. Menon:**— (a) Admissions were restricted to 15 tstsudents lest the class should get congested for individual attention.

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(b) Because the period of training of the 1st batch of students which has been fixed at one year is not over.

**Mr. George Parakkal:**— Will the Government tell when the term of the first batch will end ?

**Mr. I. N. Menon:**– About Vrischigom 1111.

**Mr. George Parakkal:**— May I know whether there were many applicants for studying in this school ?

**Mr. I. N. Menon:**– Yes.

**Mr. George Parakkal:**— Has the Government considered the question of providing more teachers in this institution ?

**Mr. I. N. Menon:**– The School has been started and placed on an experimental basis and until the result were known I was not able to appoint permanent teachers. The school has justified its existence and if the work of the teacher as well as the result justify, further extensions will be done.

**Mr. George Parakkal.**— Is there congestion of space also in the school ?

**Mr. I. N. Menon:**—Yes.

**Mr. George Parakkal:**— Will the Government expedite the work of extending the building ?

**Mr. I. N. Menon:**– For the last three months it was considered experimental and it was made permanent. The extension of the school will be undertaken,

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:**—What is the period of experiment ?

**Mr. I. N. Menon**– At first it was fixed at one year. It will be over by Vrischigom.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:**—What was the number of applicants for admission ?

**Mr. I. N. Menon**— I want notice.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:**— Can the Hon'ble Member tell me whether they can try this experiment of a Coir School in Cranganore ? I must say that it is more famous than Cherai and Narakkal for Coir.

**Mr. I. N. Menon**— Having started one school in one centre as an experiment the Hon'ble Member must realise that unless the experiment has been successfully terminated it will not be advisable? to take up the question of starting fresh schools.

**Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon:**— Whether it is not desirable for experiments to be conducted at places where it is less famous than where it is more famous ?

**Mr. I. N. Menon:**— The question is that there was plenty of raw produce available and there were facilities for wetting husks

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and persons made responsible suggested the place at Narakkal. There was no question of discrimination.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:**— Was not the necessity of a school at Cranganore expressed on the floor of this House ?

**Mr. I. N. Menon:**— I want notice.

## Road from the Velappaya Road to the Mundathicode road.

**191. Mr. P. Raman Menon:**— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Panchayat Registrar did receive several petitions signed by T. Krishnan Nair and several others beginning from 1106 requesting for a road from the Velappaya Road to the Mundathicode road;

(b) how many such petitions were received and what replies were given ;

(c) whether several persons had not lodged Kaichits expressing their willingness to give even their lands free for the said road;

(d) whether the said road question will be taken up and solved in the next year ?

**Dr. E. S. R. Menon:**— (a) Yes.

(b) Five. The petitioners were told that the work will be taken up when funds permit.

(c) No. One person had put in a statement to the effect that he would surrender the required land.

(d) Yes. If found urgent and if funds permit.

**Mr. P. Raman Menon:**— Sir, from 1106 onwards several persons were petitioning the Government about a particular road. Five petitions were received and the final answer was, "Yes; if found urgent and if funds permit." That is very desperate. May I know when it will be found urgent if it is going to be found urgent at all ? On my going through the back file I find that it is very important; otherwise it would not have been included in the budgets of 1108, 1109, and 1110. After all this trouble it is said now that there is no importance for this work.

**Dr. E. S. R. Menon:**— Anyway I will make enquiries in the matter and if I find it is important and if funds permit I will do it.

## Public Libraries in the State.

**192. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:**— Will the Government be pleased to give:—

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